

Remarks/Arguments:

The pending claims are 1-4, 6-8, 10, 12, 14-19. Claims 9 and 13 have been canceled. Claims 8, 12, 14, and 15 have been amended. No new matter has been introduced therein.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the continued indication that claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 17-19 have been allowed and for the continued indication that claims 13, 15, and 16 would be allowed if rewritten in independent form.

Applicants also thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended to their representative during a telephone interview conducted on November 6, 2006 during which the Examiner indicated that claim 8 would be allowed if it were amended to recite a second aperture.

Claims 8-10, 12, and 14 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by Hwang (U.S. Patent No. 6,585,335). Claim 8 has also been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Page 4 of the Office Action contends that claim 8 in its present form does not clarify whether one or two apertures are being recited.

Since the Examiner has indicated that claim 13 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants have incorporated the features of claims 13 and 9 into claim 8. Claim 8, as amended, is therefore now in condition for allowance. Claim 10 is now allowable because it depends from allowable claim 8, as amended. Claims 12 and 14 have been amended so that they now depend from amended claim 8, rather than from canceled claim 9. Claims 12 and 14 are now allowable because they depend from allowable claim 8, as amended.


Similarly, since the Examiner has indicated that claim 15 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, Applicants have incorporated the features of claim 8 (in the form prior to its current amendment) and claim 14 into claim 15, which is now in condition for allowance. Since claim 16 now depends from allowable claim 15, claim 16 is also now in condition for allowance without the necessity of rewriting claim 16 in independent form.

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For the above reasons, all of the pending claims are now in condition for allowance and Applicants request an early notice of allowance.

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